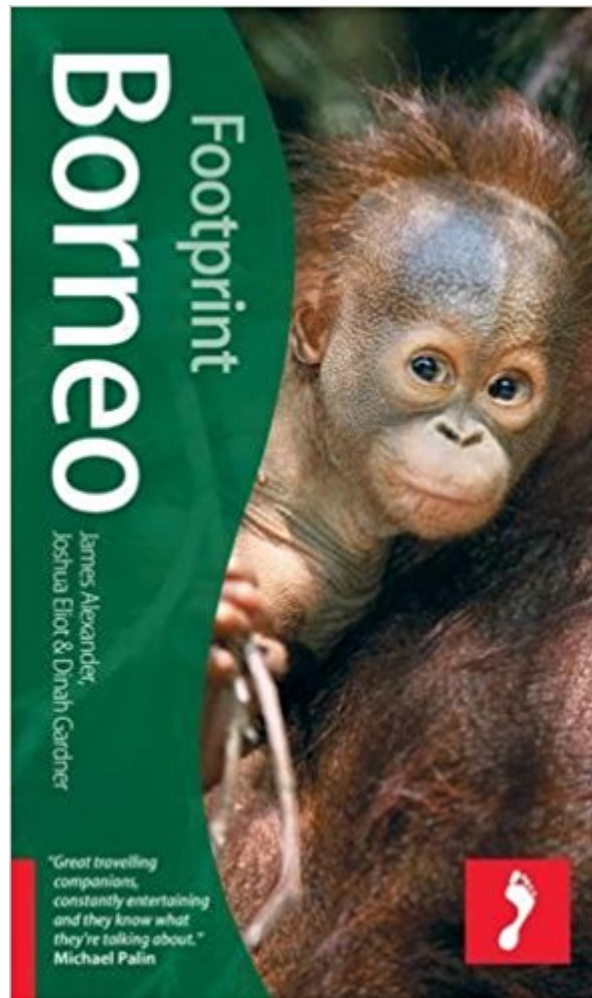




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When I first found this book, a new one claiming to cover the entire island of Borneo, I thought it would fill an important gap. Sadly, it didn't take long to disappoint! First, it is horribly out of date. Even though it was published in 2006, it actually gives visa information for Indonesia as it was before February 2004, claiming no visa is required when in fact new, harsher visa requirements have been in force for over two years now! Coverage of Indonesian Borneo is merely nominal. Even though Kalimantan covers 2/3 of the island, it gets just a few pages in this book, less than it does in other

guidebooks covering all of Indonesia (Rough Guide Indonesia is best for Kalimantan). Out of the (only) four Kalimantan provinces, one (Central Kalimantan) doesn't even get a separate chapter, being dumped together with South. So in effect, this is a book to Malaysian Borneo and Brunei, though even there, it doesn't go beyond the main tourist spots, covered in all Malaysia guides. Don't waste your money on it!

Having used Footprint Borneo during a recent visit to Sabah, we used Travel Guide extensively. And while it is not altogether current, it is the best treatment on subject currently available (Nov 2006). Just as I would recommend the book, I highly would suggest visiting area!

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